Successful collaboratives share common characteristics

Shared Vision •Shared vision and agenda: Does our entire collaborative community have a shared vision, with milestones that will demonstrate our progress?

Effective Leadership • Effective leadership and governance: Do we have a clear leadership structure, with accountability systems built into place?

Alignment

• Deliberate alignment of resources, programs and advocacy toward what works: Have we identified programs and strategies with demonstrated effectiveness and aligned our resources to them?

Capacity

• **Dedicated capacity and appropriate structure:** Do we have the people (including a lead convener) to facilitate this work? Do we have the right staffing? How will we build the future collaborative capacity?

Resources

•Sufficient resources: Do we have a long-term (three to five-plus year) plan for sustainability?

Success!

• Which of these characteristics are most important to have in our collaborative?

